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AMC's CSM prepares to retire, enter civilian life after 33 years

Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II, the command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Materiel Command, will hang up his combat boots July 22, as he officially retires from the military and enters civilian life.

Walker, a native of Pensacola, Fla., initially entered the U.S. Marine Corps in December 1972 and decided to leave because he wasn't able to become a drill instructor. But the military had made its mark. Two years later, Walker enlisted again, only this time in the U.S. Army.

During Walker's career, he has been stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Fort Rucker, Ala.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, Ariz.; Korea; Germany; Aberdeen, Md., and here.

One of the highlights in Walker's distinguished career was in 2002, when an AMC Soldier, Spc. Justin M. Brown, won the first Department of Army Soldier of the Year competition.

"We won out of everyone," Walker said, as his deep brown eyes lit up like fireworks, as he talked about Brown. "He was only 19, hadn't been to [Primary Leadership Development Course], only had two ribbons on his chest, and he was Soldier of the Year for the entire Army."

Walker's future is uncertain, although he says has plenty of job offers coming in.

"I expect him to get a job," said his wife, Vickie Walker, during a telephone interview. "It may not be working with Soldiers, but maybe with airmen; but his new job will have something to do with the military."

eCYBERMISSION announces winners of national competition

Four national winners were announced recently in the U.S. Army's 2004-2005 eCYBERMISSION competition, which is a web-based science, math and technology competition that allows students in grades six through nine to compete for regional and national awards, while working to solve problems in their community.

The national school winners were: Whiteface Elementary School in Whiteface, Texas; WB LifeSavers from West Branch Middle School in West Branch, Iowa; Ocean Raves from St. Dominic School in Brick, N.J., and CO2 Crew from Byng Junior High School in Ada, Okla.

Each team presented interesting and diverse projects, such as, organizing a comprehensive effort to increase awareness about the hazards of driving on rural roads to reduce the number of teenage driving accidents in their rural community; performing water quality tests on a local river, and creating a brochure to educate the community about keeping the river clean; and evaluating the air quality in a school and identifying the elevated carbon dioxide levels. The team recommended the school adjust the ventilation rates based on the number of students in each classroom.

Each team received a \$5,000 EE savings bond, in addition to the \$3,000 EE savings bond they received for selection as a regional winner. They also earned an all-expense paid trip in June to Washington, D.C., for the National Judging and Educational Event, a series of educational and enrichment activities and events.

Did you know ...

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's commanding general now packs twice the star power.

Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau was officially pinned with his second star recently, while guest speaker Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general, U. S. Army Materiel Command, praised Nadeau's leadership and future potential. More than 150 RDECOM employees and family members attended the ceremony.